1	CONCURRENT RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THE STATUE
2	OF PHILO T. FARNSWORTH BE DONATED
3	2019 GENERAL SESSION
4	STATE OF UTAH
5	Chief Sponsor: Jeffrey D. Stenquist
6	Senate Sponsor: Deidre M. Henderson
7 8	LONG TITLE
9	General Description:
10	This concurrent resolution recommends that the statue of Philo T. Farnsworth that is
11	currently on display in the National Statuary Hall be donated to a museum.
12	Highlighted Provisions:
13	This resolution:
14	 recognizes Philo T. Farnsworth's contributions to the world;
15	 recognizes Philo T. Farnsworth as a symbol for the state of Utah; and
16	recommends that the statue of Philo T. Farnsworth that is currently on display in the
17	National Statuary Hall be donated to the Smithsonian Institution or another suitable
18	museum.
19	Special Clauses:
2021	None
22	Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah, the Governor concurring therein:
23	WHEREAS, Philo T. Farnsworth made truly amazing contributions to society that are
24	worth recognizing, celebrating, and memorializing;
25	WHEREAS, Philo overcame substantial obstacles and persevered in his quest to
26	become an inventor to change the course of human history;

WHEREAS, Philo received more than 200 patents, include patents for:



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28	(1) the image dissector tube and the receiver that reassembled broadcasted images,
29	upon which today's television and wireless broadcast technology is based;
30	(2) the incubator, which has saved hundreds of thousands of premature infants;
31	(3) an electronic microscope;
32	(4) an infrared night scope; and
33	(5) many other important inventions that profoundly changed the world and are still
34	affecting our culture;
35	WHEREAS, at the end of his life, Philo focused on developing cold fusion technology
36	for which he received two patents and developed a working model but died before he
37	could consummate another world-changing invention;
38	WHEREAS, Philo was self-educated, yet managed to achieve recognition by the most
39	gifted scientists of his day;
40	WHEREAS, Philo was born in Beaver, Utah, grew up poor in rural Utah, had
41	substantial ties to the state of Utah, and is an excellent emissary and symbol for the state of
42	Utah;
43	WHEREAS, both Philo and his wife Pemberly are buried in Utah;
44	WHEREAS, Pemberly spent the last 30 years of her life fighting for the recognition
45	Philo deserved;
46	WHEREAS, when the fifth grade class at Ridgecrest Elementary School sought input
47	from the public regarding which public figure should represent the state of Utah in the National
48	Statuary Hall of the national capitol building, hundreds of survey responses from around the
49	state were submitted indicating a strong desire that Philo should be that representative;
50	WHEREAS, the children of Ridgecrest Elementary School successfully petitioned the
51	state Legislature to commission the creation and placement of the statue of Philo that is
52	currently on display in the National Statuary Hall;
53	WHEREAS, Utah's school children collected substantial funds to pay for the statue, led
54	by the students at Ridgecrest Elementary School;
55	WHEREAS, the idea to place the statue of Philo was discussed for several years and
56	many advocates worked vigorously over that time to ensure Philo was selected;
57	WHEREAS, in the 2018 General Session of the Utah Legislature, the Legislature voted
58	to replace the statue of Philo with a statue of Martha Hughes Cannon;

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59	WHEREAS, the decision to place the statue of Martha was made without the kind of
60	broad and substantial citizen input that informed the decision to place the statue of Philo; and
61	WHEREAS, when the statue of Philo is removed from the National Statuary Hall, the
62	statue deserves to be treated with the dignity and respect that Philo deserves:
63	NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the
64	Governor concurring therein, recommends that the statue of Philo T. Farnsworth that is
65	currently located in the National Statuary Hall be donated to the Smithsonian Institution.
66	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the state work with representatives from the
67	Smithsonian Institution to negotiate the donation to ensure that the statue of Philo is given the
68	recognition, dignity, and respect it deserves.
69	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if the state is unable to successfully negotiate the
70	donation of the statue of Philo to the Smithsonian Institution, that the state find another suitable
71	museum to donate the statue to, to ensure it is given the recognition, dignity, and respect it
72	deserves.
73	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be mailed to the director
74	and deputy director of the National Museum of American History within the Smithsonian
75	Institution.